

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A resin composition characterized by comprising a biodegradable resin and an organically modified layered silicate, the organically modified layered silicate comprising a layered silicate and in which a substituted silyl group, the substituted silyl group bonding to the layered silicate and comprising having a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group bonds to, and the layered silicate comprising a silanol group on a surface thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein characterized in that the substituted silyl group further comprises [[has]] a substituent selected from the group consisting of an amino group, an epoxyethyl group, an epoxyethoxy group, a vinyl group, an isopropenyl group, a 1-phenylvinyl group, a 4-vinylphenyl group, an isocyanate group, and a hydroxyl group.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein characterized in that the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group is a substituted alkyl group, wherein the substituted alkyl group comprises [[has]] a substituent selected from the group consisting of an amino group, an epoxyethyl group, an epoxyethoxy group,

a vinyl group, an isopropenyl group, a 1-phenylvinyl group, a 4-vinylphenyl group, an isocyanate group, and a hydroxyl group, and the which substituent bonds to a terminal of the alkyl group.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein characterized in that the number of carbon atoms contained in the alkyl group is 3 or greater and 18 or less.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein characterized in that the substituted or non-substituted alkyl group is a substituted first alkyl group, wherein the substituted first alkyl group comprises a substituent has an atomic group selected from the group consisting of an amide linkage, an ester linkage, an N-oxymethyleneamino group, and an N,N-di(oxymethylene)amino N,N' di(oxymethylene)amine group, the substituent which atomic group bonds to a terminal of the first alkyl group, and the substituent comprises atomic group has a substituted or non-substituted second alkyl group.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein characterized in that the substituted or non-substituted second alkyl group is a substituted second alkyl group, wherein the substituted second alkyl group comprises [[has]] a substituent selected from the group consisting of an amino group, an epoxyethyl group, an epoxyethoxy group, a vinyl group, an isopropenyl group, a 1-phenylvinyl group, a 4-

vinylophenyl group, an isocyanate group, and a hydroxyl group, and the which substituent bonds to a terminal of the second alkyl group.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 5, wherein characterized in that the total of the number of carbon atoms contained in the first alkyl group and the number of carbon atoms contained in the second alkyl group is 3 or greater and 18 or less.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein characterized in that the biodegradable resin is a polyester-based resin.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The resin composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein characterized in that the polyester-based resin is poly(lactic acid).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding characterized by being molded using the resin composition as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 11 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 2.

Claim 12 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 3.

Claim 13 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 4.

Claim 14 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 5.

Claim 15 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 6.

Claim 16 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 7.

Claim 17 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 8.

Claim 18 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 9.

Claim 19 (New): The resin composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the layered silicate is selected from the group consisting of kanemite, makatite, magadiite, and kenyaite.

Claim 20 (New): A resin molded object, wherein the resin molded object is obtained by molding the resin composition as claimed in claim 19.